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1. Xom, the Viet Minh chief in Bangkok, states there were both advantages and disadvantages in sending Vietnam delegates to the ECAFE Conference in Singapore in October. Xom listed the advantages as:
 - a. Publicity would be given to the Vietnam Government headed by Ho-chi-Minh.
 - b. The Vietnam would be able to ascertain who its enemies and friends were, i.e., those countries voting for or against the Vietnam Delegates at the Conference.
 - c. The Vietnam people would have a chance to witness the modus operandi of the so-called democratic countries and as a consequence, would become disillusioned.
 - d. That the Vietnamese people would realize that only victory by use of arms would stabilize the government, and that by so doing, it would force the world to recognize the independence of Vietnam.
2. Xom listed the disadvantages as:
 - a. The Vietnam government would have to spend a large sum of money to pay the expenses of their delegates and that such money could be used for reconstruction purposes and for strengthening the armed forces.
 - b. The French would have an opportunity to create a "fuss" about their admission into the Conference.

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